



Higher Education with a Small Town Atmosphere

Rural Development made the largest Community Facilities Direct Loan ever processed in Virginia (\$14.6 million) to assist Ferrum College in its campus construction and renovation project. Ferrum College is a four-year, co-educational, liberal arts college affiliated with the United Methodist Church. The primarily residential college offers 33 areas of study in a small class setting. The overall project will result in new and improved facilities across the campus. There will be two new residence halls, renovation of the existing student center into a multi-level, state of the art alumni and student center, and renovations to Beckham and Roberts Halls, two of the oldest buildings on campus, with up to date modern classrooms and office facilities.

When completed, the project will dramatically improve students' opportunities for success and will serve to enhance the economic development of the Ferrum community and western Franklin County. These improvements will play a key role in recruitment and will help retain high-quality faculty and staff while providing neighbors and visitors with convenient options that will greatly enhance the quality of life in the surrounding area.